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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DETERMINATION OF IONS USING ION-  
SENSITIVE ENZYMES

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Examiner: R. Hutson

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application. This amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination and is in response to the final Office Action dated June 23, 2009, for which a response is due on September 23, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.